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## **Bloomington Man Charged with Producing Marijuana**

Peoria, IL – A federal grand jury today charged a Bloomington, Illinois man with producing marijuana plants, as announced by Rodger A. Heaton, United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois. The one-count indictment alleges Brett R. Jarvie, age 23, of 2907 Gill Street, was growing marijuana plants inside a former tanning salon in Bloomington on April 15, 2005.

According to the indictment, Jarvie was living at the location which had been converted into an indoor greenhouse with grow lights, fans, and a watering system. Law enforcement officers allegedly found 113 live marijuana plants, many between two and three feet tall, growing inside the building on April 15, 2005. The indictment alleges there was also approximately 12 pounds of cut marijuana at the Gill Street location.

If convicted, the offense carries a mandatory minimum statutory penalty of five years in prison up to 40 years.

The case was investigated by the Bloomington Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Assistant U.S. Attorney John Campbell is prosecuting the case.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is merely an accusation; the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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